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BEFORE MAILING OF A FIRST OFFICE ACTION
ON THE MERITS (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3))**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of MPEP §609 and 37 CFR §1.97 and 1.98, enclosed for consideration by the Examiner are copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-

1449. The references were cited in a Search Report in the corresponding International PCT application No. PCT/US02/03783.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits according to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). Therefore, no fee is due in connection with this filing. However, should any fee be deemed necessary in connection with this filing, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 23-1703.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and entry hereof.

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Respectfully submitted,

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